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In re Application of

SLITKA et al.

Application No.: 10/088,962 PCT No.: PCT/US00/25483

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For: METHOD OF IMPROVING THE

PERMEABILITY OF AN

UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM-CONTAINING FORMATION

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 03 February 2003 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

Applicants' statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

A review of the application file reveals that applicants have submitted the declaration and power of attorney and the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date is **03 February 2003**.

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